

## **MINUTES**

### **A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council**

**Tuesday, September 1, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

**China Grove Town Hall  
China Grove, North Carolina**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of September 1, 2009 to order. Mayor Bringle called roll. All council members were present, there was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Mayor Bringle welcomed Ms. Shavonne Potts from the Salisbury Post. Ms. Potts will be the reporter representing the Town of China Grove.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on September 1, 2009. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Welter made a motion to adopt the August 4, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **I) Public Works Truck Bids**

Mr. David Ketner reviewed the bids received from the bid opening on August 22, 2009. He stated that they recommend Randy Marion as the company to purchase the 2009 service truck at \$24,477 and a 2007 dump truck at \$50,500.

Mr. Withers made a motion to award the bid to Randy Marion for the 2009 service truck at \$24,477 and a 2007 dump truck at \$50,500. Mr. Lyseski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Ketner stated that it will have a current year warranty as if it were brand new.

## II) USDA Application

Mr. Pless stated that several council members and staff have been involved with this process and have reviewed the current safety issues at the Public Safety Building. He stated that the functions of Fire and Police being separated will work best. He stated that the Police Department would relocate to the Town Hall and Town Hall would relocate to the Fire Department with modifications as well as the Fire Department change locations to the opposite side of the building, in the parking lot area now existing. He stated that there is a budget within the information provided to the council allowing for the Town Hall to be temporarily being relocated until construction completes. He asked the Council to consider moving forward with the idea that when USDA funds are approved, that they will be moving the Police Department to the Town Hall and proceed with the plans for remodeling of the existing station.

Mayor Bringle asked to be sure that this does not lock the town into a specific design.

Mr. Pless stated that it does not. He stated that he wanted to be sure the Council understands that the process will cause some temporary inconvenience for Town Hall.

Mr. Welter stated that basically the Town will end up with three different renovated buildings.

Mr. Pless stated that at some point the Town may want to consider renovating the existing Town Hall, but the grant does not include that within the scope of the project.

Mr. Welter made a motion to submit the application for USDA funds for the renovations of the Public Safety Facilities. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Ketner stated that the two large sections that needed to be extended have been installed. He stated that the tail wall should be completed tomorrow and they hope to have the project completed by the end of this week.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Bringle thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts downtown; cleaning, pruning trees, re-stripping Main Street. He asked if closing Town Hall has caused any problems.

Mr. Pless stated that he hasn't had any complaints thus far.

Mayor Bringle stated that there is a Board of Trade is sponsoring a Candidates Forum October 5, 2009 at 12:30, St. Marks Lutheran Church.

Mayor Bringle stated that the new software is in place and they may be able to start billing in “tens” instead of “thousands”.

Mayor Bringle stated that Kirk Street has been eliminated from the Sidewalk Project and the money for that section will be turned back into the state. He also stated that Clinton Street has been removed from the project due to lack of signing of easements as well as Vance Street due to some historical preservation.

Mr. Overcash stated that Millers Grant needs to be cleaned up and the grass is very high.

Mayor Bringle asked Mr. Pless to be in contact with the landowner.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk**

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**Donald E. Bringle, Mayor**